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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DTA COMMENTS ON WALVIS BAY

ON JULY 25, EMBASSY PRETORIA, RECEIVED FOR URGENT TRANSMITTAL
TO SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE THE FOLLOWING CABLE IN WHICH
THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLICANCE OF NAMIBIA CALLS UPON THE US
NOT TO DEVIATE FROM THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSALS OR TO INCLUDE
WALVIS BAY IN THE PROPOSALS BEING SUBMITTED TO THE SECURITY
COUCIL.

BEGIN TEXT: THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLICANCE, BEING
THE LARGEST AND MOST REPRESENTATIVE POLITICAL BODY IN NAMIBIA,
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HAD, AFTER PROTRACTED DISCUSSION WITH BOTH THE SOUTH AFRICAN
GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS
REPEATEDLY BEEN GIVEN THE ASSURANCE THAT THE PROPOSALS
PUT FORWARD BY THE WESTERN POWERS WERE FINAL AND COULD OR
WOULD NOT BE CHANGED OR AMENDED. ACCEPTING THESE ASSURANCES,
THE DTA ACCEPTED THE WESTERN PROPOSALS.

THE DTA WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH ALL THE CONDITIONS
STIPULATED IN THE PROPOSALS BUT BECAUSE THEY WERE HELD TO
BE FINAL PROPOSALS, WE ACCEPTED THEM.

FURTHERMORE, THE DTA WAS GIVEN THE ASSURANCE BY THE FIVE
WESTERN POWERS THAT THE MATTER OF WALVIS BAY WOULD NOT BE
INCLUDED AND THAT BOTH THE WESTERN POWERS AND SOUTH AFRICA
HELD THAT THE WALVIS BAY MATTER COULD ONLY BE DISCUSSED
AND RESOLVED ON A BASIS OF NEGOTIATION BETWEEN A GOVERNMENT
OF AN INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA.

BECAUSE THE DTA ACCEPTED THE ASSURANCES OF THE FIVE
WESTERN POWERS AS WELL AS THAT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT,
IT AGREED TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL PROPOSALS PUT FORTH
BY THE WESTERN POWERS.

SUBSEQUENT TO THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE APPARENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN SWAPO AND THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS IN LUANDA ON JULY
17/18, 1978, THERE WERE NO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DTA,
NOR WERE WE INFORMED AS TO THE STEPS ENVISAGED BY THE FIVE
WESTERN POWERS REGARDING WALVIS BAY, ALTHOUGH REPRESENTATIVES
OF BRITAIN, AMERICA, AND GERMANY WERE IN WINDHOEB AT THE
TIME AND ALSO CAME INTO TOUCH WITH INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE
DTA.

IT IS THEREFORE WITH UTTER AMAZEMENT, FRUSTRATION,
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AND DISGUST THAT THE DTA NOW HAS TO LEARN THROUGH THE
PRESS-MEDIA, THAT THE WESTERN POWERS ARE INCLUDING THE MATTER
OF WALVIS BAY IN THEIR PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE
SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE DTA NOW FEARS THAT THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN
MADE IN REACHING A MUTUAL AGREEMENT MAY BE SERIOUSLY
JEOPARDIZED AND COMPLICATED BY YOUR UNILATERAL ACTION.

THIS IS A MATTER OF NOT ONLY UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO US
IN THE DTA, BUT IS PRIMARILY A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH TO
THE PEACE-LOVING INHABITANTS OF NAMIBIA.

HAVE THERE NOT BEEN ENOUGH MISTAKES MADE AND BLOODSHED
AND MISERY CAUSED ON THIS CONTINENT THAT YOU SHOULD NOT
DO EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO AVOID A REPETITION ALSO IN
NAMIBIA.

WE, THE DTA, PLEAD WITH YOU TO REMAIN FIRM AS TO YOUR
ORIGINAL PROPOSALS AND NOT TO FORCE YOUR WILL ON THOSE
WHO ENDEAVOR TO FIND A PEACEFUL AND MEANINGFUL SOLUTION FOR
THIS TERRITORY.

THE DTA IS SURE THAT ANY DEVIATION FROM THE ORIGINAL
PROPOSALS AT THIS STAGE WILL SERIOUSLY EFFECT THE CREDIBILITY
OF THE FIVE WESTERN POWERS AMONGST THE INHABITANTS OF THIS
COUNTRY. SIGNED: C. NDJOBA, PRESIDENT; B.J.
AFRICA, VICE PRESIDENT; D.F. MUDGE, CHAIRMAN;
K.M. RIRUAKO, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN. END TEST.
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